

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1214

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jesse Charles Hammond on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those worthy professionals who have worked with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers; and

WHEREAS, after nearly four decades of distinguished service as a Certified Public Accountant, Jesse Charles Hammond is taking his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, born on August 1, 1948, in Alabama, Jesse Hammond received his Bachelor of Science degree from Florence State University, where he graduated with honors in 1971; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond proudly served his nation as a member of the United States Army; a member of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, he completed the Air Movement Operations Course and Jump Master Course at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in 1971 and attained the rank of captain in 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, he earned a Master of Arts degree from the University of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Hammond became a licensed Certified Public Accountant in Tennessee in 1984; he earned the designation of Certified Management Accountant from the Institute of Management Accountants in 1988, and was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Alabama in 1990; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his community and his profession, Mr. Hammond has been affiliated with the National Association of Accountants, the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants; and

WHEREAS, he also served with distinction as president of the Knoxville Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants from 1991 to 1992, during which time the Knoxville Chapter was awarded the Stephenson Trophy, and as president of the Knoxville Chapter of the Tennessee Society of Certified Public Accountants from 1994 to 1995; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many professional accomplishments, Jesse Hammond is the proud father of Bryan, Kim, Kevin, and Melinda; and the doting grandfather of Jessica, Parker, Leslie, Jonathan, Ashley, Brandon (Scott), and Nicholas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammond exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Jesse Hammond has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and community alike, and he should be recognized on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Jesse Charles Hammond our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.